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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title: **REINFORCED PLY MATERIAL WITH UNTWISTED SETS OF STEEL MONOFILAMENTS**

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto, or

☐ was filed as United States Application or PCT International Application (give Express Mail label number and deposit date if Application number not yet known):

Application No.:  
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**PRIORITY CLAIM**

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of (i) any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed; and (ii) any United States provisional application(s) that is/are listed below.

☒ no such applications have been filed.  
☐ such applications have been filed as follows.

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COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED	
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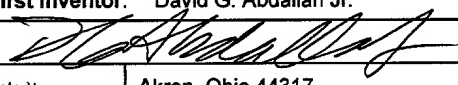
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